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To: JudTestimony
Subject: bill 346

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you in support of Bill 346, AN ACT CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR EVASION OF RESPONSIBILITY BY AN OPERATOR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE IN THE CASE OF INJURY OR DAMAGE.

As a parent, I cannot fathom the profound grief one must experience at the death of a child, let alone the sudden, tragic nature of the death of Johnathan Stewart of Enfield, who was the victim of a hit and run accident that left him lying in the road, in the cold, in the dead of night, alone. That Johnathan later died of his injuries and the search for the party that caused his death continued for years only made that loss worse. And when the responsible party came forward and confessed to have caused Johnathan's death, his family felt that pain even deeper when they were told that nothing could be done about it. There would be no justice for Johnathan, no closure for his loved ones, and no penalty for the individual who kept quiet for over a decade.

Bill 346 is what the Stewart family has left of any sense of peace for Johnathan. And while it won't bring their child back, it will likely prevent a similar outcome for any other family that falls victim to this crime.

As a parent, or perhaps simply as a human being, I fully support increasing penalties for evasion of responsibility. While everyone makes 'mistakes', mistakes should have consequences, especially when there is injury to a party of property.

Please support bill 346.

Sincerely,

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" No one, no one should ever pass an American in uniform without saying 'Thank you, we are grateful', always mindful that they are prepared to risk all of their dreams so that all of us can reach and realize ours." -William Cohen